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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] 25X1
Director, SOVA

FROM : Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Soviet Imports.

1. During your absence one of the issues that preoccupied the DCI in connection with possible sanctions against the USSR and Poland was the extent to which the USSR depends on Eastern Europe for finished goods, raw materials, and food. What became apparent was that we have a little anecdotal information but relatively little detailed data on, for example, Soviet dependence on Eastern Europe for key components in Soviet manufactures. The Wall Street Journal last July ran an article noting that the Soviets depend on Poland for half the brake shoes for the Kama River truck plant and also that they get something like 90% of their integrated circuits from Czechoslovakia. [redacted] 25X1

2. If one assumes that sanctions and various types of embargoes are a likely element of East/West relations in the future -- whether relating to political developments as in Poland, technology transfer or other causes -- it may be important for us to develop (or recreate) a better capability to provide specific information on economic relationships within CEMA, especially in specific areas of key sectors of the economies. [redacted] 25X1

3. I asked [redacted] 25X1 to jot down a few of the kinds of questions we might be expected to answer in the future. He has done so and that memo is attached. I would appreciate your taking a close look at this and giving me your judgment on 1) the data and analytical resources presently available to work this problem; 2) the availability of the necessary information to do this analysis and the difficulty of collecting same -- and the potential for such collection; and 3) how many additional analysts and other resources would be required to do this work. [redacted] long and how it would take to put it together. 25X1

4. I would appreciate your response by February 11. [redacted] 25X1

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